(b) whether the increased tendency of using nationalised banks and Stock Exchanges for manipulaing share prices either to acquire new companies or personal benefits will be checked; if so, in what manner; and

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a national policy to check such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Stock Exchange regulate transactions in securities and take measures to control manipulation under various powes vested in them. In this context, some o ther policy initiatives are also under consideration, including establishment of a securities commission or Council.

Production of free yarn

1374. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of free yarn quantity-wise for civil consumption in hank and cone formused by handloom and powerloom sector during the period 1980—85;

(b) houw much of the hank yarn was used by handloom sector and what was its production during the above period; and

(c) what was the production of handloom cloth during the period 1980—85 year-wise and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Quantity of yarn supplied for civil consumption in hank and cone form used by handloom and powerloom sectors during the period 1980—85 is given below:

(In million Kg.)

Year	Handloom sector	Powerloom sector
1980-81	331	311
1981-82	326	348
1982-83	331	446
1983-84	343	389
1984-85	357	406
TOTAL	1688	1800

(b) and (c) It is assumed that all deliveries of yarn in hank form were consumed by the handloom sector.

The production of handloom cloth during the period 1980—85 was as follows:

(Cloth production by Handloom Sector in million metres)

Year	Cotton cloth	Blended/Mixed	100% Non Cotton	Total
1980-81	2600	60	20	2680
1981-82	2540	60	26	2626
1982-83	2730	40	18	2788
1983-84	2889	39	28	2956
1984-85	3073	38	26	3137